

Basic equations

operators	$\hat{x} \Longrightarrow x$	$\hat{p}_x \Longrightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
Schrödinger's equation	$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi$	$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x)\Psi(x, t)$
stationary state	$\Psi_n(x, t) = \psi_n(x)e^{-iE_nt/\hbar}$	
time-independent S.E.	$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$	$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi_n}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$
probability	$p_i = \left \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_i^*(x)\Psi(x, t)dx \right ^2$	probability density = $ \Psi(x, t) ^2$
expectation value	$\langle A \rangle = \sum_i p_i A_i$	$\langle A \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^*(x, t)\hat{A}\Psi(x, t) dx$
uncertainty	$\Delta A = (\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2)^{1/2}$	$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \hbar/2$
Ehrenfest's theorem	$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{\langle p_x \rangle}{m}$	$\frac{d\langle p_x \rangle}{dt} = -\left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\rangle$
Boundary conditions	$\psi(x)$ finite at $\pm\infty$, cts everywhere	$d\psi/dx$ cts where $V(x)$ finite

One-dimensional infinite square well ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) (symmetric well)

$E_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2}$

$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (0 \leq x \leq L)$

$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (n \text{ odd})$

$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (n \text{ even})$

Harmonic oscillator ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_0$

$\omega_0 = \sqrt{C/m}$

$a = \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega_0}$

$\hat{H} = (\hat{A}^\dagger \hat{A} + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_0$

$\hat{A}^\dagger \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{n+1} \psi_{n+1}(x)$

$\hat{A} \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{n} \psi_{n-1}(x)$

$\hat{A} \psi_0(x) = 0$

$\hat{x} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{A} + \hat{A}^\dagger)$

$\hat{p}_x = \frac{-i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}a}(\hat{A} - \hat{A}^\dagger)$

$\hat{A}\hat{A}^\dagger - \hat{A}^\dagger\hat{A} = 1$

Free particle, scattering and tunnelling

$\Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k)e^{i(kx - E_k t/\hbar)} dk$

$A(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x, 0)e^{-ikx} dx$

$p_x = \hbar k$

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(k)|^2 dk = 1$

$\langle p_x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hbar k |A(k)|^2 dk$

$j_x(x, t) = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left(\Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} - \Psi \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial x} \right)$

$T = \frac{4k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2} \quad (\text{step})$

Complex numbers

$$z = x + iy = re^{i\theta}$$
$$\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + z^*}{2}$$
$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$
$$e^{\pm i\pi} = -1$$

$$z^* = x - iy = re^{-i\theta}$$
$$\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - z^*}{2i}$$
$$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$
$$e^{i\pi/2} = i$$

$$|z|^2 = zz^* = x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$
$$z^n = r^n e^{in\theta}$$
$$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$
$$e^{-i\pi/2} = -i$$

Elementary functions $(a > 0, b > 0)$

$$e^x e^y = e^{x+y}$$
$$e^x = \cosh x + \sinh x$$
$$\cos(\theta \pm \pi) = -\cos \theta$$
$$\cos(\theta + \pi/2) = -\sin \theta$$
$$\cos(\theta - \pi/2) = \sin \theta$$
$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab)$$
$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$
$$\sin(\theta \pm \pi) = -\sin \theta$$
$$\sin(\theta + \pi/2) = \cos \theta$$
$$\sin(\theta - \pi/2) = -\cos \theta$$
$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$e^{\ln a} = \ln(e^a) = a$$
$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$
$$\tan(\theta \pm \pi) = \tan \theta$$
$$\tan(\theta + \pi/2) = -\cot \theta$$
$$\tan(\theta - \pi/2) = -\cot \theta$$
$$\tan(2\theta) = 2 \tan \theta / (1 - \tan^2 \theta)$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$
$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B))$$
$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A - B) + \sin(A + B))$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$
$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B))$$
$$\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1$$

Physical constants

Planck's constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$	Planck's constant/ 2π	\hbar	$1.06 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
vacuum speed of light	c	$3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	Coulomb law constant	$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	$8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ m F}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	ϵ_0	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$	permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
Boltzmann's constant	k	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$	Avogadro's constant	N_{m}	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
electron charge	$-e$	$-1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	proton charge	e	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
electron mass	m_{e}	$9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	proton mass	m_{p}	$1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Bohr radius	a_0	$5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$	atomic mass unit	u	$1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Definite integrals for positive integers n and m

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \, dx = 0 \quad (f(x) \text{ an odd function})$$

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \, dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) \, dx \quad (f(x) \text{ an even function})$$

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(nx) \sin(mx) \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{nm}$$

$$\int_0^\pi \cos(nx) \cos(mx) \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{nm}$$

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) \, dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{nm} \quad (n + m \text{ even})$$

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$$\int_0^{n\pi} \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{n\pi} \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{n\pi} x \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{4}$$

$$\int_0^{n\pi} x \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{4}$$

$$\int_0^{n\pi} x^2 \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^3 \pi^3}{6} + \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

$$\int_0^{n\pi} x^2 \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^3 \pi^3}{6} - \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} x^2 \cos^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^3 \pi^3}{24} + \frac{n\pi}{4} (-1)^n$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} x^2 \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{n^3 \pi^3}{24} - \frac{n\pi}{4} (-1)^n$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} x^2 \cos x \, dx = (-1)^{(n+3)/2} \left(\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2} - 4 \right), \quad (n \text{ odd})$$

$$\int_{-n\pi/2}^{n\pi/2} x^2 \cos x \, dx = (-1)^{n/2} 2\pi n, \quad (n \text{ even})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} \, dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-x} \, dx = n!$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2n+1} e^{-x^2} \, dx = \frac{n!}{2} \quad (n \geq 0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} e^{ikx} \, dx = \sqrt{\pi} e^{-k^2/4} \quad (k \text{ real})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2n} e^{-x^2} \, dx = \frac{1 \times 3 \times \cdots \times (2n-1)}{2^n} \sqrt{\pi} \quad (n \geq 1) \quad n! = 1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times n \quad 0! = 1$$